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FOR ANDREWS FROM WORTZEL

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OGEN  
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER TO BE BEMUSED OR ANNOYED (THE  
AMBASSADOR IS THE LATTER) WITH WHAT SEEMS TO BE GOING ON WITH  
THE ALIMI CASE (STATE 95834) FOR ONE, WE DETECT THAT, AS YOU SAY,  
YOU ARE GETTING HEAT, BUT WE HAVE SOME TROUBLE UNDERSTANDING  
EXACTLY WHY--AND WE DO NOT WANT TO SOUND NAIVE. THIS KIND OF  
CASE IS HARDLY UNIQUE IN THE ANNALS OF CA AND THE DEPARTMENT.  
MR. ALIMI WAS WARNED AND ADVISED TO LEAVE YUGOSLAVIA, AND  
CHOSE NOT TO. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY APPLIED PRESSURE ON THE  
GOY, AND CONTINUE TO HOUND THE YUGOSLAVS. AS WE SAID BEFORE,  
WE DID NOT NEED REP. MAGUIRE TO ACTIVATE US AND, ALTHOUGH  
WE RECOGNIZE THAT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS NEED CAREFUL HANDLING,  
WE BELIEVE THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS ENOUGH TO GO WITH FOR  
NOW IN DEALING WITH HIM. WE ARE, AFTER ALL, EXPECTING A  
REACTION AND THE ISSUE HAS, AFTER ALL, ONLY BEEN PEND-  
ING FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS. THE IDEA OF SENDING  
BARBARA WATSON HERE IS ESPECIALLY BEWILDERING. SINCE,  
TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, NEITHER CA NOR L HAS WORKED THROUGH  
OR ANSWERED THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE SITUATION WE  
FACE (SEE OUR BELGRADE 2085, PARAGRAPH 4), WHAT WOULD  
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SHE DO HERE? I AM SURE THAT THEY YUGOSLAVS WOULD BE AS  
BEWILDERED AS WE AT THE IDEA OF HER COMING HERE TO  
RESUCE ALIMI. IF WE GET ALIMI OUT IT WILL BE VIA  
QUIET REPEAT QUIET PRESSURES WHICH NEITHER CHALLENGES  
YUGOSLAV MANHOOD NOR THEIR RATHER STRONG LEGAL POSITION.  
WATSON COMING HERE NOW IS JUST THE WRONG APPROACH IF WE  
WANT RESULTS RATHER THAN RECORD-BUILDING. AND SURELY

NOBODY IN WASHINGTON EXPECTS WATSON TO COME, TOTALLY WITHOUT WARNING, TO NEGOTIATE A SOLUTION TO THE LONG-STANDING DUAL NATIONAL ISSUE. WE HAVE PROPOSED BEGINNING TO SOUND THE GOY OUT ON THIS WHOLE ISSUE (BELGRADE 2653), BUT HAVE YET TO HEAR A WORD IN REPLY.

2. IF THIS REACTION REFLECTS A FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE YOUR PROBLEM, MAYBE YOU CAN LET US KNOW WHAT THE SPECIAL PRESSURES ARE WHICH YOU ARE EXPERIENCING. THIS MAY HELP US IN OUR EFFORTS WITH BERNARDIC AND COMPANY. IN THE MEANTIME WE WOULD APPRECIATE SOME HELP FROM THERE IN EXPLAINING TO WHOMEVER THAT IF THE GOY LETS ALIM GO IT WILL BE BECAUSE THEY WANT TO DO US A FAVOR, NOT BECAUSE WE HAVE ANY VERY STRONG LEGAL CLAIM (AT LEAST WE WILL SO BELIEVE UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT ANSWERS OUR EARLIER CABLE).

3. WE HAVE, WITH CHARACTERISTIC RESERVE, STOOD BY WHILE SOME OF OUR NEIGHBORS TOOK UP BILL LUERS' INVITATION TO CAST PEARLS BEFORE BUCHAREST'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE CEAUSESCU VISIT. HAVING BY NOW SEEN THESE WORTHY EFFORTS, WE THINK WE WERE RIGHT TO WAIT, AND DO NOT PLAN TO ADD TO THE DIALOGUE. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT, IF ROMANIA IS EVER ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE NAM, AND IF ANY SIGNS DEVELOP THAT THE MORE SENIOR CROWN PRINCES OF THE MOVEMENT SHOW INTEREST IN CEAUSESCU, AND IF TITO EVER LEAVES, THOSE THEN IN THIS EMBASSY WILL BE ABLE TO ASSESS THE CEAUSESCU  
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PHENOMENON. IN THE MEANTIME, WE DID NOT EVEN BOTHER TO DO A WORD COUNT OF THE CARTER-TITO JOINT STATEMENT TO SEE HOW IT COMPARES WITH THE 1200 WORDS (ACCORDING TO THE WIRELESS FILE) OF THE CARTER-CEAUSESCU STATEMENT.  
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